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Applicant(s): OVADIA, Bat-Sheva et al. Examiner: Kevin M. BURD  
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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DECODING AND TRACE BACK OF  
CONVOLUTION CODES USING THE VITERBI ALGORITHM

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**AMENDMENT**

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**Introductory Comments:**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated February 11, 2004 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the Office Action was due May 11, 2004. A petition for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fees are being filed herewith. Therefore a response to the Office Action is due August 11, 2004 and this amendment is being timely filed.

A request for continued examination (RCE) is being filed herewith.

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Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.